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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE, THE UNITED NATIONS CONFIDENCE RESTORATION OPERATION IN CROATIA, THE UNITED NATIONS PREVENTIVE DEPLOYMENT FORCE AND THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE FORCES HEADQUARTERS

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 4th plenary meeting, on 19 September 1997, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 62nd, 63rd and 68th meetings, on 18 and 29 May 1998. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/52/SR.62, 63 and 68).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/52/792 and A/52/815) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/868).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/52/L.41

4. At the 68th meeting, on 29 May, the representative of Uganda and coordinator of the informal consultations on item 127, on behalf of the Chairman, introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations

Peace Forces headquarters" (A/C.5/52/L.41) and orally revised it by deleting the square brackets around paragraph (b) and replacing the text of the paragraph, which had read:

> "(b) Expresses its serious concern regarding the observation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraph 6 of its report regarding the use of gratis personnel as negotiators for the United Nations for wet-lease arrangements",

by the following:

> "(b) Takes note of the concern of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions expressed in paragraph 6 of its report regarding the use of gratis personnel as negotiators for the United Nations for wet-lease arrangements".

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/52/L.41, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

The General Assembly, having considered the reports of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[2]

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the final disposition of the assets of the United Nations Peace Forces[3] and requests the Board of Auditors to examine the report in the light of the views expressed by Member States thereon;[4]

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[1] A/52/792 and A/52/815.

[2] A/52/868.

[3] A/52/792.

[4] See A/C.5/52/SR.63.

(b) Takes note of the concern of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions expressed in paragraph 6 of its report[5] regarding the use of gratis personnel as negotiators for the United Nations for wet-lease arrangements;

(c) Decides that in future detailed information and justification on written-off and lost items should be provided in reports on the final disposition of assets of all peacekeeping operations;

(d) Decides also to defer consideration of the treatment of the unencumbered balance arising in respect of the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 pending the submission of the final performance report for the United Nations Peace Forces.

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[5] A/52/868.